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Mother charged with murder of adult daughter

Accused is 50-year-old woman from Calgary. Incident took place just south of Saskatoon on Monday evening

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A mother from Calgary has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of her daughter, 34-year-old Lindey Sugar, who was killed just outside of Saskatoon on Monday evening.

On Tuesday, RCMP charged 50-year-old Frances Rose Sugar with second-degree murder and failure to comply with an undertaking as a result of evidence collected through their investigation.

"Investigators worked very diligently to bring this investigation to the point where charges were laid within basically 48 hours of the incident having occurred," said RCMP spokesman Sgt. Craig Cleary.

Sugar was taken into custody on Monday after officers responded to a call about a woman with a neck injury at Clarence Avenue and Victor Road, located approximately eight kilometres south of Saskatoon, at roughly 8 p.m. Monday.

Authorities say Lindey's death was the result of an altercation that took place outside of a vehicle, and while family have requested not to be contacted by media, Cleary said, "There's no doubt in my mind that this family is devastated by the loss of Lindey Sugar."

"As stated before they've made a specific request that their privacy be respected during this traumatic time and I can't even put into words what they must be feeling."

Lindey was taken to Royal University Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

While RCMP have laid charges in the homicide, they won't be releasing any more information about injuries the 34-year-old woman sustained and said the cause of death will be determined by an autopsy scheduled for Wednesday, the results of which have yet to be released.

Cleary said the specifics as to why the women were around Saskatoon would likely be released in court, and Lindey had ties to both Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The accused appeared in Saskatoon's provincial court on Wednesday morning to answer to the charges and is scheduled to be back in court on July 16.

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Criminal pursuit

Driver arrested after several collisions

Saskatoon police have taken a 25-year-old man into custody after a stolen vehicle rammed a police cruiser and headed toward an officer and a group of people standing on a street. The incident began Wednesday afternoon when police received a report of a black truck driving erratically.

An officer tried to stop the truck but the driver simply kept going. A criminal pursuit was launched but was called off a short time later due to safety concerns when the driver headed for downtown.

The truck collided with a number of vehicles and then hit a police cruiser, disabling it.

Police say the driver then turned the truck around and headed toward the officer from the disabled vehicle, who was standing where a number of people had gathered.

The officer shouted at the crowd to move to safety, then drew his firearm and shot twice at the truck, which then fled the scene.

Another officer purposely collided with the suspect vehicle and the driver was chased down and arrested with the help of the canine unit. Police say one civilian and the suspect sustained non-life-threatening injuries, though they add the suspect was not hit by the shots fired at him.

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Sales director Michael Payne, left, project lead Thomas Andres and Taylor Pfeifer, marketing director, can be seen at the site of Wallstreet Common on Wednesday. They say the work co-op will be ready for business this year. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Co-op work space coming to the city

Economic boost. Wallstreet Common hopes to help businesses network across Canada

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A group of entrepreneurs in Saskatoon are set to launch a new co-op work space they hope will help grow local businesses across Canada. It's called the Wallstreet Common.

Thomas Andres, president of C4 Construction and the project's team lead said the idea goes beyond supplying co-op office space as tenants will be networking together to help each other grow.

"As a small business owner, you are now more capable of reaching beyond your own city and it's fairly easy," Andres said.

"What we're doing is we're creating a way for you, that once you're in, you're now working with 30 to 40 other small businesses."

With plans to establish co-ops in Vancouver and Calgary within the next year, Andres said the idea would also help make out-of-city business easier as memberships are not bound by city limits.

This means tenants could access resources, like meeting spaces and boardrooms, at locations outside their home city.

"It's going to be set up as a franchise model, so we can expand as fast possible," he said. "The idea is the faster that we grow this, the more it actually helps those who are in the space."

Leasing a two-storey warehouse located at 302 Wall Street, the first phase of renovations are expected to cost roughly $500,000 with plans to expand the 12,000 square foot space even further in the future.

The Wallstreet Common is set to open officially later this year and is currently speaking with potential tenants.

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Winter to blame

Natural gas in Saskatchewan up by $9.57 per home

The province has approved SaskEnergy's application to increase its commodity rate 26.7 per cent to $4.84 per gigajoule from $3.82 per gigajoule. That means an extra $9.57 a month for the average residential customer.

"I think it's important to remember here though, this is the first increase in six years and in that past six years there's actually been four decreases," Jim Reiter, minister responsible for SaskEnergy, said Wednesday at the legislature.

"This is just a case of the market: that's what the cost is for market; that's what flows through to the customer."

The delivery rate, the charge for getting natural gas to customers, is not changing. The delivery rate and commodity rate each account for about half of a bill.

SaskEnergy said it needed to raise rates because of increased demand due to an extremely cold winter.

"It was a long cold winter and that had a big impact, certainly not just in Saskatchewan (but) right across the country," said Reiter.

"I looked to our neighbours to the west in Alberta, where they adjust monthly, and at a time that we were paying $3.80 a gigajoule, at times Calgary and Edmonton were paying in the neighbourhood of $9. Certainly, the market for natural gas can fluctuate quite a bit and I think this shows that."

The rate hike kicks in Tuesday. Reiter said the adjustment gives customers time to prepare for higher consumption months that start in the fall.

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Corner Gas pouring $4M into Regina, says producer

Everyone at home.
Actors delighted with all the attention in Saskatchewan

SARAH TAGUIAM
Metro in Regina

Corner Gas: The Movie is well into filming in Regina — and while the activity is a treat to residents, it's also a boon to the economy.

That's according to executive producer Virginia Thompson, who said on Wednesday that the production is "spending approximately $4 million over the next eight weeks, so that's a good economic influx to Regina."

The cast and crew of Corner Gas: The Movie will film in southern Saskatchewan until July 23. So far, they have recorded scenes at Regina's Ukrainian Hall and at several sites in the Cathedral area, such as the Mysteria art gallery and Holy Rosary Cathedral.

Thompson said she's blown away by the public's enthusiasm for the film.

"Our (casting director) has so many people interested in participating that he has to figure out how to deal with the onslaught," she said.

Cast members Lorne Cardinal and Fred Ewanuick, who play veteran police officer Davis Quinton and community deadbeat Hank Yarbo, respectively, are equally delighted with the attention they've received.

"I had a drive-by shouting the other day, 'Hey Davis, love you,'" Cardinal told reporters.

"I love Saskatchewan for that."

Ewanuick said it's always been pleasant to work in Saskatchewan, going back to the beginning of the Corner Gas television sitcom in 2004.

"You can see it with the crew," he said. "Regina crew are like, 'Yeah, yeah we'll get that for you,' and back in Vancouver and Toronto it's very like, 'Oh no, that's not our department.'"

Actors Lorne Cardinal, inset left, and Fred Ewanuick, shoot a scene as production of Corner Gas: The Movie continued on Wednesday in Regina. Both actors say they are glad to be back working in Saskatchewan. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

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U of Ottawa hockey program iced after sex assault probe

Men's varsity team. School's president calls conduct 'unacceptable', 2014-15 season suspended and coach fired after investigation

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The University of Ottawa has suspended its men's varsity hockey program for the entire 2014-15 season and fired the team's coach following an internal investigation into allegations of a gang sex assault by players on a tournament trip to Thunder Bay.

University president Allan Rock would not divulge the details of the internal report during Wednesday's announcement, as there is a separate police investigation in the works.

University of Ottawa President Allan Rock delivers a statement in Ottawa on Wednesday regarding the men's varsity hockey program. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We know enough to say what happened there was unacceptable," he said.

However, the university did release a report of recommendations to improve school varsity sports, including updating the coaching handbook and conducting an annual review of all guidelines on athlete behaviour.

Not an isolated incident

"I don't think that what's happening with the hockey team at the University of Ottawa is an isolated case."

Anne-Marie Roy, president of U of O's student federation,
She also said that while she's happy the school is changing its policies, more needs to be done to address rape culture on university campuses.

Rock said the coach was not involved in the alleged incident, but he had tried to discipline those students on his own.

Thunder Bay police say they've completed their investigation into the Jan. 30-to-Feb. 2 incident, are reviewing the case with the Crown and expect to make an announcement "of some sort in coming weeks."

Anne-Marie Roy, president of the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa, said she's happy the university is changing its policies, but added that more needs to be done to address rape culture on university campuses.

"I don't think that what's happening with the hockey team at the University of Ottawa is an isolated case," she said, adding that the vast majority of sexual assaults are unreported. "This is something that is experienced on other campuses, as well."

The University of Ottawa and the student federation have each implemented a task force that's looking into rape culture on campus.

The school suspended the men's hockey team last semester as well, following news of the Thunder Bay incident.

Privacy

Border agency cuts data retention to 15 years from 75

The federal border agency is bowing to privacy concerns by agreeing to slash the amount of time it will keep data on the cross-border movements of Canadians as part of a new security plan.

The agency says it plans to retain personal details for 15 years — not 75.

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Twiplomacy

Twitter accounts trending among our diplomats

Canada is among a small group of countries that has Twitter accounts for most of its embassies and missions, a global study revealed Wednesday.

The study, called Twiplomacy, looked at the use of the site by heads of state and by governments and ministers of foreign affairs.

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Vancouver Aquarium's beluga research heads north as controversy over captivity continues

A trainer works with beluga whale Aurora at the Vancouver Aquarium on Wednesday. A researcher from the aquarium will be heading to the Arctic next week to study the chatty cetaceans in the summer home where they raise their young. The research trip comes as the non-profit aquarium is under renewed pressure to stop keeping belugas and dolphins in captivity — including a call from Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson to end the practice. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Meilleur. Ontario AG calls out MacKay over recent remarks about women

Add Ontario's attorney general to the list of people who have a bone to pick with Justice Minister Peter MacKay.

Madeleine Meilleur calls MacKay's recent remarks about female judges "very unfortunate" in this day and age — particularly when Ontario has elected its first female premier.

The Toronto Star reported that MacKay attributed the dearth of women on the bench to a lack of applications, reportedly linking that to a fear among women that they might be appointed to a circuit court, which entails more travel.

MacKay found himself in hot water again Tuesday over Mother's Day and Father's Day emails to staff — one saluting mothers for holding down two full-time jobs at home and at work, the other lauding dads for raising "the next generation of leaders."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper defended his justice minister Wednesday, saying MacKay's comments have been unfairly characterized as sexist.

What I meant was ...

MacKay has said he did not make the comments attributed to him in the Star report.

- "In addressing a few dozen lawyers I took the opportunity to encourage MORE women and minorities to apply to be judges, to enable the federal government to promote them to the bench and thus to better reflect the diversity that is Canada today," he said in a Facebook post on Sunday. "That was the intent and tone of my remarks."

Meilleur says there are very competent women in Ontario and Canada who are able to be judges and province's judicial bench is proof of it.

She noted that the chief justice of the Ontario Court of Justice is a woman.

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French doctor Nicolas Bonnemaison, seen here arriving at the courthouse in Pau, southwestern France, on the first day of his trial earlier this month, was acquitted Wednesday of poisoning charges after giving lethal injections to help seven terminally ill patients die. BOB EDME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Right to die gets new lease on life

Euthanasia. French doctor acquitted after helping patients die; U.K. court questions assisted-suicide ban

A French doctor was acquitted Wednesday of poisoning charges after giving lethal injections to seven terminally ill patients, and Britain's Supreme Court said an assisted-suicide ban is incompatible with human rights, fueling the arguments of those who say the duty of doctors is to end the suffering of those beyond treatment.

Coming a day after France's top administrative court ordered an end to the treatment of a comatose man — a decision later blocked by the European Court of Human Rights — the rulings cast new light on the legal struggle over medical treatments for the terminally ill or patients in vegetative states.

France's president has said he wants to make it easier for some terminally ill patients to request medical help to end their lives. Relatives of Dr. Nicolas Bonnemaison's patients had testified in his favour. The physician's lawyer said he hoped the decision — and Tuesday's rulings in the case of the comatose man — would force the government to act quickly.

The British Supreme Court decision was unexpectedly far-reaching. Although it dismissed the appeal from two severely disabled men who argued the law should be changed to allow doctors to legally kill them, the ruling suggested Parliament change the law to be in line with human rights guarantees.

Penney Lewis, a law professor in London, said the British case and the acquittal of Bonnemaison followed a trend of broadening legal acceptance for euthanasia and assisted suicide.

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"There are no heroes here, no martyrs. This man acted as a doctor."

Benoit Ducos-Ader, lawyer for Dr. Nicolas Bonnemaison, commenting on the French doctor's acquittal.

Chicago

Council tightens gun-store rules

The Chicago City Council approved 48-0 Wednesday an ordinance that dramatically limits where gun stores can operate and requires them to videotape every purchase to prevent people from buying a gun for someone else.

A January federal court ruling gave Chicago until July 14 to put gun store rules in place.

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France. Court upholds firing over head scarf

France's highest court has upheld an appeals court ruling in favour of a nursery school director who fired an employee for wearing a Muslim head scarf to work.

Wednesday's decision closes a six-year legal wrangle between the dismissed employee and the head of the private nursery school.

The case has captured headlines because of potential implications for companies who want to extend a 2004 school ban on Islamic head scarves or a 2010 law banning face veils in the street.

However, the Court of Cassation made clear its ruling doesn't mean France's principle of secularism, which is behind the bans, can be universally applied to private-sector employees.

The court said the nursery's rule forbidding religious displays was "justified by the nature of the tasks."

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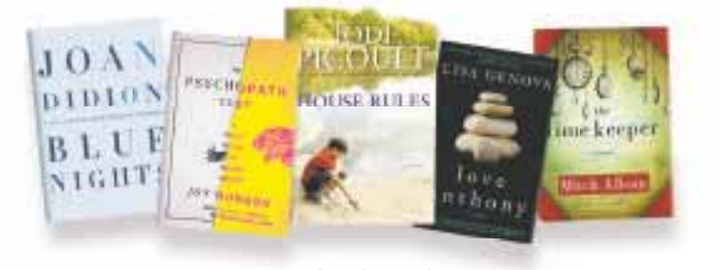

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Key to antibiotic resistance in the dirt?

A soil sample from Nova Scotia has yielded a compound that could help fight antibiotic resistance.

Researchers from McMaster University in Hamilton have discovered a fungus that produces a chemical that overrides the antibiotic resistance powers the dangerous NDM-1 gene gives to bacteria.

They liken the compound to an adjuvant, a chemical that enhances the power of vaccines.

Biochemistry professor Gerry Wright and his team have been looking in soil samples from around the country for bacteria and fungi that produce chemicals that might inhibit antibiotic resistance.

This early finding is published in this week's issue of the scientific journal Nature.

The McMaster team found the compound worked to resensitize resistant bacteria that contain the NDM-1 gene, and even cleared a resistant infection from a mouse.

Wright says the compound, called aspergillomarasmime A or AMA, interferes with the NDM-1 gene's source of zinc. The gene needs zinc to work.

Much testing remains to be done to see if this compound could be used safely and successfully in people. But the hope is it could be taken in combination with antibiotics to help prolong the lifespans of these critical infection-fighting drugs.

The rise of antibiotic resistance and the paucity of new antibiotics in the production pipeline have created fears that the world could be facing a future in which antibiotics no longer work.

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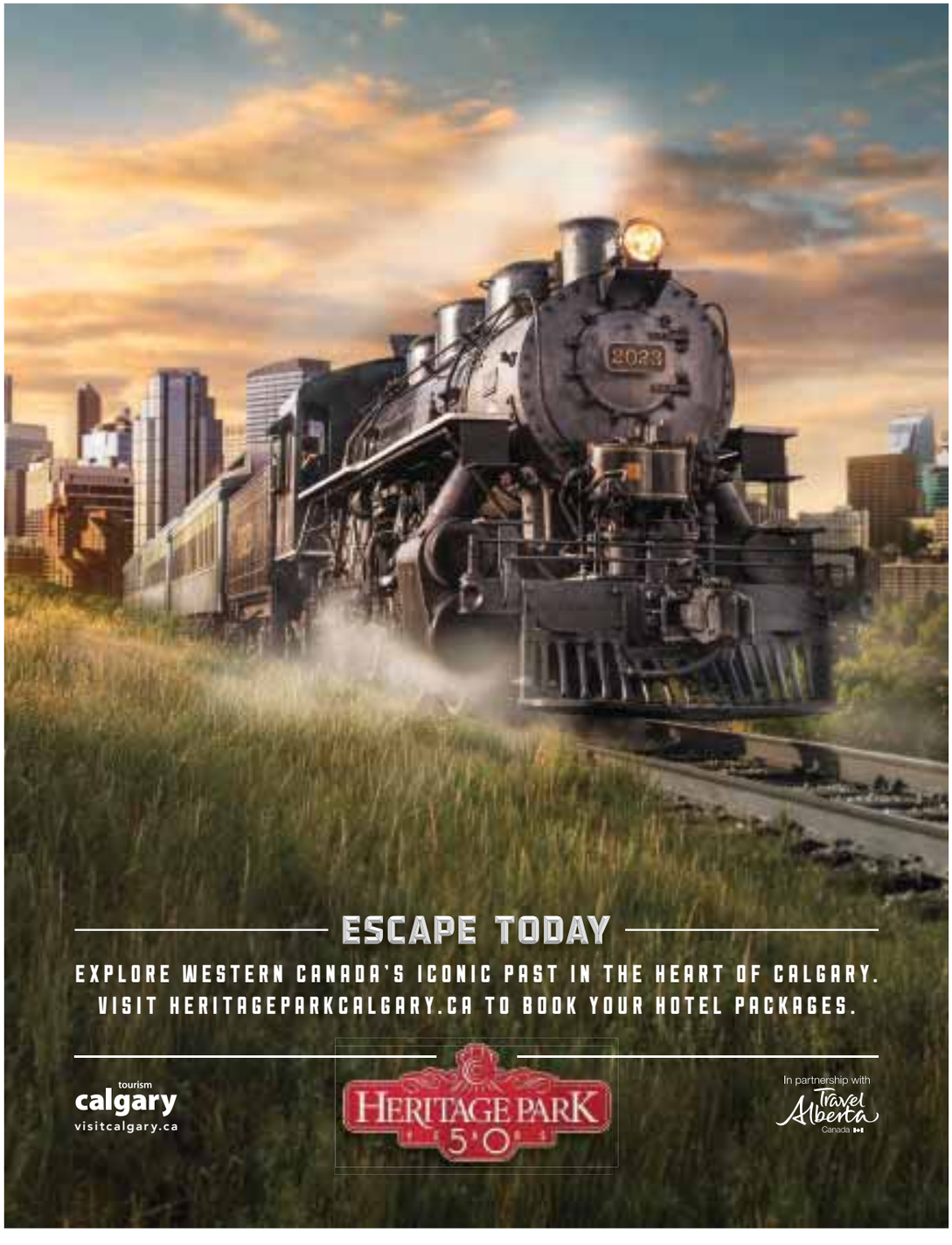
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Attack on at least 21

17 wounded. Extremists bomb shopping centre in capital Abuja

An explosion blamed on Islamic extremists rocked a shopping mall in Nigeria's capital, Abuja, and police said 21 people were killed.

The blast came as Nigerians were preparing to watch their country's Super Eagles play Argentina at the World Cup in Brazil. Many shops at the mall have TV screens but it was unclear if the explosion was timed to coincide with the match, which started an hour later.

Witnesses said body parts were scattered around the exit to Emab Plaza, in Abuja's upscale Wuse 2 suburb. One witness said he thought the bomb was dropped at the entrance to the mall by a motorcyclist. All spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Soldiers shot and killed one suspect as he tried to escape on a power bike and police detained a second suspect, said government spokesman Mike Omeri.

Billows of black smoke could be seen from a kilometre away, and police said 17 vehicles were burnt out in the blast.

"I heard the explosion and (felt) the building shaking," said Shuaibu Baba, who had a narrow escape. He said he rushed downstairs to find that the driver who had dropped him a few minutes earlier was dead. "I asked the driver to come with me, and he said 'No,' he would wait for me in the car."

Police Supt. Frank Mba said 17 people were wounded and 21 bodies were recovered.

It is the latest in a series of violent attacks blamed on Islamic extremists. Nigerian security forces appear incapable of curtailing the near-daily attacks concentrated in the northeast, where Boko Haram extremists have their stronghold.

On Tuesday night, extremists in the northeast attacked a military checkpoint and killed at least 21 soldiers and five civilians, witnesses and a hospital worker said Wednesday.

Abuja is in the centre of Nigeria and the militants have spread their attacks to the capital. Two separate explosions in Abuja in April killed more than 120 people and wounded about 200 at a busy bus station. Both were claimed by Boko Haram, which has threatened further attacks.

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all in Abuja, Nigeria, Wednesday. OLAMIKAN GBEMIGA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

mall kills in Nigeria

People watch as smoke fills the sky after an explosion rocked a shopping mall in Nigeria's capital, Abuja, on Wednesday. Police say over 20 people have been killed and many wounded. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pacific Northwest

Orcas among most contaminated mammals: Report

Southern resident killer whales are among the world's most contaminated marine mammals, with pollutants particularly high in the youngest whales, according to information released Wednesday by U.S. scientists.

Biologists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration summarized a compilation of research findings that reveal the mysterious lives of a small population of endangered killer whales that frequent Puget Sound, off the northwestern U.S. coast.

The striking black and white whales have come to symbolize the Pacific Northwest and play an important cultural and spiritual role for many Northwest tribes.

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Nigeria

Man committed for being an atheist: Lawyer

A lawyer says a staunchly Muslim family in Nigeria has forced their son into a mental hospital for declaring himself an atheist.

Mubarak Bala, 29, says he is being drugged and held against his will in a psychiatric ward in Kano. Bala alerted people to his plight with tweets from a smuggled phone, saying his father beat him up and sedated him, and that when he awoke he was in the hospital. Bala describes his father as an Islamic leader who "can't afford to have a non-Muslim family member, so he declared me insane."

Lawyer Muhammad Bello Shehu says Bala's father said he committed his son for safety as he could be lynched for denying God exists.

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Utah's gay marriage ban ruled unconstitutional by appeals court

Unprecedented. Gay rights supporters earn pivotal victory in appeals court for unlikely state

A U.S. appeals court on Wednesday ruled for the first time that states must allow gay couples to marry, finding the Constitution protects same-sex relationships and moving the issue one step closer to a possible Supreme Court decision that could affect the country at large.

Gay rights supporters have seen a remarkable winning streak in courts across the country in recent months.

The latest decision upheld a lower court ruling that struck down Utah's gay marriage ban. However, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel immediately put the ruling on hold so it could be appealed, either to the entire 10th Circuit or directly to the nation's highest court.

"All I can say is that we are thrilled," said Kody Partridge, one of the plaintiffs.

The office of Utah's attorney general said it plans to appeal the ruling to the Supreme Court. The office also left open the possibility of requesting a review from the full panel of judges at the 10th Circuit.

The three-judge appeals panel found that states cannot deprive people of the fundamental right to marry simply because they want to be wedded to someone of the same sex. The panel found it "wholly illogical to believe that state recognition of the love and commitment between same-sex couples will alter the most intimate and personal decisions of opposite-sex couples."

On Wednesday afternoon, the couples named in the appeal hugged, cried and exchanged kisses at a news conference. Plaintiff Derek Kitchen said he and his partner, Moudi Sbeity, are "so proud to be a part of history."

The decision gives increased momentum to a legal cause that already compiled an impressive winning streak in the lower courts after the Supreme Court last year struck down the federal Defence of Marriage Act. Since then, 16 federal judges have issued rulings siding with gay marriage advocates.

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In this Dec. 20, 2013, photo, Chris Serrano, left, and Clifton Webb kiss after being married, as people wait in line to get licences at the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office, in Salt Lake City. A federal appeals court ruled for the first time Wednesday that states must allow gay couples to marry. KIM RAFF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Conquering Utah

Evan Wolfson, president of Freedom to Marry, said Utah's legal victory was sweeter because of where it originated — a conservative, deeply religious state in the heart of the mountain west.

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, based in Utah, said in a statement on its website Wednesday that the church maintains marriage should be between a man and a woman but "all people should be treated with respect."

Fake lottery. Greek cops bust two men involved in $50-million scam

Greek authorities say they have broken a massive lottery scam targeting Germans that tricked about 360,000 people into paying to take part in non-existent draws.

A police statement Wednesday said two Greek men have been arrested on suspicion of running the ring, whose illicit earnings allegedly exceeded 36 million euros ($50 million) in nearly four years.

The crackdown came after authorities enlisted the help of German law enforcement. The ring allegedly used illegally-procured lists of German betting company clients, whom they then phoned, offering cash prizes or free holidays in return for a monthly subscription of about 30 euros ($41).

It was unclear why only people in Germany were targeted, but the country is much wealthier than Greece. Police said the two suspects arrested Tuesday in Athens were German-born.

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Brazil

Jealous man kills wife's friend after Facebook chat: Cops

Brazilian police say a Facebook conversation made a man so jealous that he killed and dismembered a friend of his wife.

The Rio de Janeiro police department said in a statement emailed on Wednesday that Anderson Gomes Aleixo grew jealous when he found out that his wife and a childhood friend were chatting on Facebook.

The statement says Aleixo confessed that he forced his wife to invite her friend to their house on June 8, then killed Francisco de Assis Coelho Neves with a knife and dismembered the body.

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Kim assassination movie 'act of war': North Korea

Kim Jong-un and Seth Rogen THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE, GETTY IMAGES FILE

North Korea is warning that the release of a new American comedy about a plot to assassinate leader Kim Jong-un would be an "act of war."

If the U.S. government doesn't block the movie's release, it will face "stern" and "merciless" retaliation, an unidentified spokesman for North Korea's Foreign Ministry said in state media Wednesday.

He didn't mention the movie by name but was clearly referring to The Interview, which stars Seth Rogen and James Franco as a producer and talk-show host who land an exclusive interview with the North Korean dictator and are then asked by the CIA to assassinate him.

The "reckless U.S. provocative insanity" of mobilizing a "gangster filmmaker" to challenge the North's leadership is triggering "a gust of hatred and rage" among North Korean people and soldiers, the spokesman said, in typically heated propaganda language.

The film's release would be considered an "act of war that we will never tolerate," he said.

With no independent press of its own, North Korea often holds foreign governments responsible for the content of their media. Pyongyang regularly warns Seoul to prevent its conservative press from mocking or criticizing its leadership, something banned within authoritarian North Korea, where the Kim family is revered.

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"People don't usually wanna kill me for one of my movies until after they've paid 12 bucks for it."

Seth Rogen, Canadian co-writer, co-director and co-star of The Interview

A new social network for the condo set

Bazinga and Tridel.
Vancouver company teams up with Canada's biggest condo developer

A Vancouver company is hoping condo-dwelling Canadians have room for one more social network in their lives.

On Wednesday, the company Bazinga announced it has inked a deal with Canada's largest condo developer, Tridel, to integrate its social media platform into the real estate company's new and existing projects.

Bazinga is a little like Facebook — allowing residents to chat with each other and building staff — and also lets users book amenities, access important documents and receive news about their community.

"Think of it as your building's (Facebook) wall but it's very interactive," says Bazinga founder Joseph Nakhla.

"You can post things, there's alerts — like, 'Keep an eye open on this issue,' 'Did anyone lose a bag?,' 'Is anyone looking for a car pool partner?' — (and) information on nearby businesses. It's very specific conversations that are occurring on the platform. What differentiates it from other platforms is there's heavy utility in there.

"And it's private. It's secure. It has only the people who are owners or tenants. There's no such thing as an anonymous presence on the platform."

Before the Tridel contract, Bazinga was connected to more than 500 buildings, says Nakhla, noting that the social platform is also being used by builders of subdivisions and gated communities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's cottage (buying) season

Canada's summer cottage market is showing no signs of cooling off as it rebounds from a long winter and late spring, national realtor group Re/Max said Wednesday. Sales in Ontario and Atlantic Canada were up in May after a sluggish April and Re/Max is forecasting mid to high single-digit price increase for cottages, cabins, vacation condos and camps throughout the rest of the year. ISTOCK

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From the courtroom ...

Phone-hacking trial wraps up

Britain's epic tabloid phone-hacking trial ended Wednesday with a hung jury on two final counts — and a judge's rebuke for Prime Minister David Cameron, whose televised comments about the case while it was still underway almost scuttled proceedings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

... to the theatre

Play on tabloid trial takes centre stage

After months of courtroom drama comes phone hacking, the play.

Britain's National Theatre said its next production will be "an anarchic satire about the press, the police and the political establishment" titled Great Britain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Privacy

Cops must get search warrants for phones in U.S.

In a strong defence of digital-age privacy, a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that police may not generally search the cellphones of people they arrest without first getting search warrants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The next chapter

Barnes & Noble turns page on Nook e-reader

Barnes & Noble hopes to survive by splitting in two. The largest U.S. brick-and-mortar bookseller said Wednesday that it plans to split off its Nook e-reader division as it looks to boost shareholder value. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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THE NEAR-DEATH THAT WASN'T

HE SAYS

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I've never had great life skills, but I've come to realize I don't have great death skills, either.

I was in an accident recently where I could have been killed — this happens to me every three years or so — and the impact it had was, well, absolutely nothing.

Shouldn't I be inspired or something?

In my defence, it wasn't much of a near-death experience: I fell off my bicycle at a busy intersection.

To the people who saw the accident, it likely looked less like a matter of life and death and more like a schmuck faceplanting comically into the pavement. But, if it had a laugh track for them, it was Adagio for Strings playing in my head, as I tumbled in slow motion toward the pavement and thought, "I might get run over before I have a chance to turn around."

Fortunately the driver behind me was not on his phone, so my corpse did not end up on Instagram with a filter giving my skin a healthier tone than it ever had in life.

Which leads to my first lacking death skill: Isn't my life supposed to flash before my eyes? The message from most inspirational speakers is that "one day your life will flash before your eyes, so you'd best make it a good show" or some such. But when I fell, all I saw was the streetcar track I wiped out on, the pavement, and the truck grill.

I'd been promised a Vine of my life's greatest moments, and instead it would have been like I was browsing stock photography. If the car had hit me the last images before death would have been a close-up of an interracial handshake and a woman way too happy about her salad. Not that I'm ungrateful. I totally prefer being alive.

In fact, immediately afterward I decided to celebrate. I was alive! Time to live! This led to my second death deficiency: My big response to near-death was to get a fancy coffee with whipped cream on it.

I'm not sure which is sadder: that this is my idea of living it up, or that my response to avoiding death was to order a drink that would push me closer to it.

Finally, and most damning, the accident did nothing to motivate me into a better life. It freaked me out for a few hours, because we're just bags of meat that should have "FRAGILE'" stamped on our bodies. But that's it.

I've done nothing to improve myself, I've felt no more in touch with my life and I haven't started a charity like Cyclists Against Faceplanting in Traffic.

When I faced my own mortality in the past — at a funeral or during an accident — my immediate response was a figurative roller-coaster ride: euphoria, disappointment, levelling off.

Now I feel fragile for a couple of hours, have an expensive coffee and write a column. I think I'm OK with that.

But change my life in a big, noticeable way?

Well, that'll be the day that I die.

ON TRACK

The SEFT-1 was designed by two artists to explore their country's railways that are no longer in use. COURTESY SEFT-1 PROJECT

Artists create sci-fi car for railroads

A pair of Mexican artists have brought their country's abandoned railways back to life — by taking a sci-fi aluminum car for a ride on them.

Ivan Puig and Andrés Padilla built the SEFT-1 (Probe Exploration Manned Railway) car to explore how once useful railroads still have a purpose.

The SEFT-1 is a vehicle with an aluminum body fit for sitting two crew members (called Los Ferronautas). The silver car is also capable on riding on land with the use of rubber tires.

According to the project creators, the SEFT-1 aims to make a survey using photography, video, audio and text of the isolated areas it visits. METRO

By the numbers

9,000

Number of kilometres the artists travelled across Mexico and Ecuador, from 2010 to 2012 in SEFT-1.

Artists' viewpoint

"It's a transdisciplinary art project, one of public interaction and diffusion, which proposes the exploration of disused railway tracks as a starting point for reflection and research."

Ivan Puig and Andrés Padilla

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Extreme, extreme mountain biking

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If you're anything like us, you've long thought the biggest problem with mountain biking was that it's just not dangerous enough. Careering down hills, weaving between towering trees, ricocheting off rocks — yawn!

Now, if we could somehow mix the speed, exhilaration and wind-through-the hair excitement of mountain biking with the assorted dangers of traversing a major city. Now we're talking. Thankfully, the good people of Bratislava arrange such a thing once a year and this is what it looks like. (EpicTV/YouTube)

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Saskatoon Summer Players is 50 and just as funny as ever

H.M.S. Pinafore.
Theatre company rings in big anniversary with big laughs as it stages a Gilbert and Sullivan adaptation

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Members of the Saskatoon Summer Players rehearse a scene from H.M.S. Pinafore or Alas, Who Loves a Sailor?, which runs at the Remai Arts Centre June 27 through July 5. SIMON HIATT

As one of Saskatoon's most venerable theatrical institutions prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary, it seems logical they would choose to stage a classic production.

But Bobby Williston, who co-directs the Saskatoon Summer Players' version of H.M.S. Pinafore with Meghan McDonald, says although it was a conscious decision to pick the comic opera to mark the occasion, the choice had little to do with adhering to a faithful interpretation.

"Part of the reason we chose H.M.S. Pinafore is Gilbert and Sullivan bridged the gap between classic opera and the modern musical theatre that we know and Saskatoon Summer Players has been doing for the last 50 years," said Williston. "And part of the enduring nature of these shows is that tradition of messing with it a little bit and changing things up."

Williston says the adaptation, written by Ian C. Nelson, maintains the spirit of the original, while adding contemporary touches. There are references to the modern Senate scandal, a Viagra-like drug and even the current situation at the University of Saskatchewan.

"It's kind of like a Disney movie — there's layers. The kids will really enjoy the costumes and dancing and singing, while the adults will be killing themselves laughing and the kids will be going, 'I don't get why that's funny.' So everybody can enjoy it," said Lisa Marie Baldwin, who plays Buttercup.

Baldwin may be enjoying herself more than anyone. She describes her character as a "strumpet," a far cry from her last job with Summer Players, in which she played a nun.

Like much of the cast, Baldwin has had multiple stints with the company over the years, beginning with a role as an orphan in Annie in 1988. Her sister has also worked with Summer Players and Baldwin met her fiancé during a production.

"You really get to know the people you get to work with, because you see them over and over again and you become a family. It's really cool."

The dedication of the Players is especially impressive since none of them make a cent from the shows that are staged each year.

"We have all of these people coming together, creating a high-quality production when some of them could have easily made it professionally had they chosen to do so." Williston said.

Baldwin agrees, pointing out that some former members are working on bigger stages across the continent, thanks in large part to getting their start with Summer Players.

"This is a jumping-off point. If we didn't have this, you would never dream of doing anything bigger. It gives you that taste and makes you hungry for what could be."

Quoted

"There is a strong future for music theatre in Saskatoon."

Lisa Marie Baldwin, actress, Saskatoon Summer Players

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Can you feel the love tonight? Elton John can't

Elton John was flying the unfriendly skies recently, reportedly getting into a vicious shouting match with husband David Furnish in front of friends aboard a private jet bound for the recent Bonnaroo music festival in Tennessee, according to Radar Online. "Elton and David flew a few friends with them to the gig, and they all know Elton gets pissed when something isn't completely on his schedule. One of the cars carrying his friends was late. He got super-annoyed and even more so when David told him he was basically acting like a brat," a source says. "David calling out Elton sent him into a huge rage. He even went so far as to threaten to pull support for the (Elton John AIDS) Foundation, knowing it's one of the things that means the most to David." Things were very tense for a moment until John excused himself. "Elton went in a separate part of the plane for a while and cooled off. When he came back he played it off by making a joke about it," the source says. "It's a common occurrence between Elton and David, but definitely went further than their friends have seen before."

Adam Levine

'I did not have sexual intercourse with Lindsay Lohan,' says Adam Levine

Maroon 5 front man Adam Levine had to take time out of his recent interview with Howard Stern to follow James Franco's cue and deny any intimate connection to Lindsay Lohan.

"By the way, you were listed on Lindsay Lohan's sex list, that you had sex with her. I didn't know this," Stern offered, to which Levine promptly shot back, "That's not true. I did not have sexual intercourse with Lindsay Lohan." Stern then pointed out that no one on the list has confessed to actually having earned their spot. "That's because I think we're being truthful about that very specific thing," Levine responded.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Gary Oldman says sorry for just a little bit of his bigotry

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Gary Oldman has had a lot of time to do some soul-searching since Tuesday, when it became known that he'd said some terrible things about Jews, black people, and gay people. He has realized that he is deeply sorry for some of it.

Among Oldman's many colourful remarks to Playboy, he opined that Mel Gibson only got in trouble for spouting anti-Semitic epithets because he's "in a town run by Jews." Whatever else is going on in Oldman's withered old brain, he does at least understand that the ol' Nazi refrain "Jews control the media" is not a road you want to go down, and he said as much in an open letter to the Anti-Defamation League.

"I am deeply remorseful that comments I recently made in the Playboy Interview were offensive to many Jewish people," Oldman wrote, according to Page Six. "Upon reading my comments in print — I see how insensitive they may be, and how they may indeed contribute to the furtherance of a false stereotype."

They do indeed contribute to that! However, speaking as a Jewish person: Come on, man. Don't single us out. If you're going to apologize to the people you offended, apologize to all of them.

Mila Kunis

Are we being Punk'd? Mila Kunis gets snippy with newspaper interviewer

A recent chat with the Star-Ledger got off to a bumpy start after the interviewer asked Mila Kunis how her pregnancy is going. "I don't talk about that for publication," she shot back — and things didn't improve much from there. When asked about emigrating from the Ukraine to the U.S. as a child, Kunis stopped the interviewer in his tracks. "I've talked about me moving to America in a hundred interviews. It's the most mundane subject possible; it's like everyone's immigrant story," she said. "I know what your next question is, so let's just skip it. You're going to ask me what I think about what's going on now in Ukraine. Just because I lived there until I was seven doesn't mean I identify with Ukraine."

It wasn't his fault this time! Bieber unharmed after fender-bender

Justin Bieber was reportedly involved in a fender-bender in Beverly Hills earlier this week, though he apparently walked away unharmed, according to TMZ. An SUV carrying the pop star — who was not behind the wheel — was trying to evade a trailing paparazzo when it was hit from the side by a BMW exiting a parking structure. A witness tells the website the driver of the BMW "misjudged the speed of the Escalade and smashed into it." Bieber immediately exited the damaged SUV and was scuttled into another vehicle, which quickly sped away, leaving some of his entourage to deal with the police.

Justin Bieber

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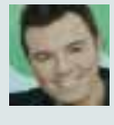

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Ah, the decline of journalism: From Woodward and Bernstein cracking Watergate to Buzzfeed telling me which Disney Princess I'm most like.

Artful android: Here she comes now, sayin' Monáe, Monáe

Trending on her own terms. Janelle frees her 'soul' through her look and lyrics on the run-up to her summer tour

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

"Embrace the things that make you feel unique, even if it makes others feel uncomfortable," says singer-songwriter Janelle Monáe. That maxim is something Monáe has perfected. The Kansas-born artist, like her time-travelling robot alter-ego Cindi Mayweather, isn't one to conform to outdated stereotypes. She's a feminist, womanist, and apparently an android. It's an attitude that the 28-year-old, who is touring this summer, takes into her albums The ArchAndroid and The Electric Lady, which deal with social and racial restriction. Even her artistry can't be straightjacketed into sound or style conventions: the Little Richard-esque quiff and her monochrome era-transcending tuxedo ensembles are as redefining as her sci-fi R&B soul, which seamlessly straddles a multitude of musical genres.

You're one of the musicians involved in the Pepsi Beats of the Beautiful Game campaign, where you, like the footballers, have your own (monochrome) team strip. But when do you intend to go for a different look?
Whenever I look at the moon and make that decision. I'm exercising my right and my freedom as a citizen to wear what I want.

Suit or birthday suit

I'm a free person who is taking the opportunity to be in control of their image: if I want to be naked one day I can and if I want to wear a tuxedo that's fine.
Janelle Monáe

Speaking of strip, is it true that you took some of your early tracks from The Electric Lady to a strip club to see how the dancers moved to it?
Oh yeah, absolutely.

Have you been back since?
I've been back since. I love watching people dance and the album is centred around women and I want to understand every type of woman: strippers, college students, the artist, the ghetto woman, the Queen. I definitely went to the strip club to do research and to understand their story.

You've talked about redefining the idea of sexy. What's your ideal?
I don't have an ideal of sexy; I don't go out of my way to be sexy. If you are [sexy], you don't have to try. For me personally, I'm a free person who is taking the opportunity to be in control of their image: If I want to be naked one day I can, and if I want to wear a tuxedo that's fine.

Janelle Monáe hopes to inspire her fellow females to take control of their own image. CONTRIBUTED

Do you think that women in the music industry are pressurized into a certain 'sex sells' image?
Well, I think when you come into the music industry there's this notion that because you're a woman, you need to dress a certain way. I want to let people know that that's not true. You just need to get to a certain level of success and be a cover girl [Monáe is also the face of beauty brand CoverGirl] and create your own image — people will love that. You don't have to take the same co-ordinates to reach a destination.

How have you managed to maintain that level of autonomy while signed to a major label?
How have I managed? (Laughs). That's like saying how have you managed to go to a subway and get the money out of your bank account?

Point taken. Is this one of the reasons that you're anti-bullying?
I have definitely been bullied and I've also stood up for myself, too. I used to fight a lot growing up but I don't think that's the way to do it because you can have an accident, get hurt or someone can shoot or stab you, then you're dead in hospital. When I was young, I was a real firecracker. Now I just stand up for others through art.

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: San Juan del Sur, NI

Name: Shannon

Age: 28

Canadian trendsetter on the move

What is the most important piece of clothing/beauty product in your travel bag?

A really funky/well-fitted bikini; if there's a beach that's all I wear! My favourite beauty product is Nars Copacabana liquid multiple. It is the most beautiful/natural highlighter for the cheeks and the eyes. Looks amazing with nice sun-kissed skin. Perfect natural enhancer for a night out, a little glam on vacation.

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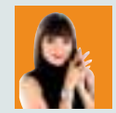

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Mixing wood tones

Basics of interior design. Wood, like any other interior decorating element, has a shelf life

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One of the hardest renovating or decorating decisions is choosing wood tones for items like flooring and kitchen cabinets. Not only do they cost a lot of money, but must stand up to at least a decade of changing trends.

The secret to making the right choice is to consider how you live and what other wood elements you have gravitated to over time.

For instance, do you have a large collection of antique pine furnishings or do most of your picture frames have a certain stain colour that you enjoy? This might be the start to making a large purchase of a longer-lasting wood product for your home.

Here are some guidelines to help you choose:

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Follow this example

Three-tone perfection

A room looks best when decorated with no more than three wood tones: Dark wood floors, medium wood furniture and pale wood wall create the perfect example.

Room together

Cherry-pick your colours in style

You can often look to your home's architecture for inspiration in wood tones. For instance, an Arts and Crafts space can feature cherry wood. Pale light tones survive well in a boxy, modern space and deep mahogany looks best in a space with historical charm.

Mix it up

Give matchy-matchy a pass

Matching all wood elements can look too predictable. Varying the wood's stain colour by using lighter or darker tones helps add visual variety without overwhelming the room with too many types of wood.

Knotty or golden

What decade does your wood say you are?

Every decade has its trend wood: 1970s, knotty pine; 1980s, golden oak; 1990s, blonde maple; 2000, espresso/ebony; 2010, driftwood oak.

Setting the stage

Contemporary or traditional

The lighter the wood tones, the more casual or contemporary the space will feel. The darker the tones, the more traditional or masculine the space will appear.

An old chestnut

The magic of a trifecta

Do not incorporate more than three different woods in any given space — for instance, chestnut coloured floors, cherrywood cabinets and a pine table. More than three will look over-collected and junky.

Blending in

Give inherited pieces a new finish

If you inherit a fine piece of furniture, consider having it re-finished in a more up-to-date stain that helps blend it into your established decor.

Try a little bit first

Follow big trends in small accessories

Influenced by a trend tone of wood? Use it in small furnishings like side tables or in room accessories like storage boxes or lamps.

Reconsider trim

Fell mighty 'builder' oak with paint strokes

Too much "builder" oak wood around your home? Consider painting baseboards, interior doors, mantels and stair handrails to match an existing paint colour (usually white).

Grain of truth

It's OK to refresh outdated wood

And lastly, we all know men act like wood is gold, and it should never be painted. If the wood in your home is outdated, then it's time for a change. Re-stain or paint it to give it another five to 10 years of life.

Get your fancy weeknight dinner on

Stuffed Duck Breast with Marjoram Jus.

This dish offers a touch of sophistication that is sure to wow guests and takes just three steps

"If the stuffing isn't cooked before filling the duck breasts, this dish will require more cooking time, which will overcook the duck and toughen the meat," writes Jean-Paul Grappe in his book Basil, Thyme, Coriander and Other Herbs.

This dish can be served over fingerling potatoes, green beans and spinach.

Ingredients

Stuffing

- 2 oz (60 g) duck thighs, trimmed
- 2 oz (60 g) duck liver
- 2 slices of bread
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) heavy cream (35%)
- 1 egg white
- 1 tbsp potato starch or corn starch
- 1 1/4 cups (90 g) marjoram, chopped finely
- Salt and pepper

- 4 duck breasts, 8 oz (240 g) each
- Salt and pepper
- 2 oz (60 g) duck fat
- 2 oz (60 g) Armagnac
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) thickened store-bought demi-glace
- 1/2 cup (120 g) butter

1. Grind the first six ingredients for the stuffing twice with a medium disc in a meat grinder. Add the marjoram, salt, and pepper, and mix well. Make 4 small rolls the same length as the duck breasts, wrap them in plastic wrap and tie the ends. Cook them in 212 F (100 C) water, for 5 to 6 minutes. Cool in cold water. Set aside.

2. Butterfly the duck breasts and season with salt and pepper. Fill with the cooked rolls of stuffing. Close and season with salt and pepper. Set aside. In a sauté pan, heat the duck fat and sear the breasts skin side down for 2 to 3 minutes. Do the same for the other side. Put a lid on slightly askew and cook on medium heat for 7 to 8 minutes. Remove the excess cooking fat from the pan and flambé the breasts in Armagnac. Remove them from the pan and keep warm. In the same pan, add the thickened duck stock and finish the sauce with butter. Adjust the seasoning.

3. Pour the sauce onto the bottom of the plate. Slice the breasts and serve on top of the sauce.

RECIPES EXCERPTED FROM BASIL, THYME, CORIANDER AND OTHER HERBS BY JEAN-PAUL GRAPPE (FITZHENRY & WHITESIDE, 2014)

Cookbook of the Week

A little herb goes a long way

In his book Basil, Thyme, Coriander and Other Herbs, Jean-Paul Grappe shines the spotlight on herbs by demonstrating how much they can enhance the flavour of a dish.

Included in the book are 20 herbs and their histories, therapeutic values and use in the kitchen. Among the specific herbs included are: dill, basil, chives, cilantro, bay, mint, mustard, sorrel, rosemary, sage, thyme and more. Recipes, meanwhile, include Vegetable and Chive Sauté, Pork Chops with Hyssop, Atlantic Tuna with Mint Butter, and more. **METRO**

This recipe serves four. PIERRE BEAUCHEMIN

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App. Moules Marinières

"The importance of parsley in preparing mussels is basic, but do not overcook the parsley. Wait until the guests are seated at the table to begin cooking," writes Jean-Paul Grappe in Basil, Thyme, Coriander and Other Herbs.

Ingredients

- 1 cup (250 ml) dry white wine, such as Muscadet
- 1/2 cup (90 g) shallots, finely chopped
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 cup (60 g) unsalted butter
- 2 to 3 1/3 lb (1 to 1.5 kg) small farmed mussels, washed in running water and drained
- 2 cups (60 g) parsley, chopped

1. The mussels need to be cooked covered, so use a large enough pot. Pour in the wine, shallots, pepper, and butter. Add the mussels. Cover and cook on high heat until they open. Stir occasionally so they open uniformly. Serve immediately and sprinkle with parsley.

2. Place a few mussels in individual heated soup plates. Pour cooking liquid in small heated bowls. Each time you take a mussel from the shell, add some of the jus with a spoon.

For your phone

WineGlass (iPhone; $1.99)

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Scan a restaurant's wine list with your camera and this app will check the prices, find reviews, and suggest food pairings. Works surprisingly well and is useful for most wines.

Canada Day Edition

Get your special edition Captain Canuck comic

In celebration of Canada Day, Captain Canuck Inc. is releasing the first Captain Canuck Canada Day Edition.

From June 28 to July 1, the edition will be distributed free through comic book stores, public libraries, convenience stores and shopping malls across Canada. After July 1, it will be sold at comic book shops across Canada for $2.99.

This 64-page edition will be packed with features, including two unique Captain Canuck stories featuring the classic and new Canuck, the ultimate Canadian comic book store and convention directory, and sneak peeks of what's coming up for all things Canuck. **METRO**

Support youth at risk

Solar-powered Mountie stands on guard for thee

Powered entirely by solar energy, your steadfast Mountie will work ceaselessly to patrol your bookshelf, windowsill or dashboard. Whenever the sun comes out, this member of The Force will reassure you that he is on the job with a friendly wave.

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Canadian film can be exciting, influential and groundbreaking – but if you're like most Canucks, you wouldn't even know it. That's where The ABCs of Canadian film comes in. This website offers everything you need to know about Canada at the movies — in 26 letters — from "eh" to zed. So this Canada Day weekend, love your country by turning on your DVD player, breaking out the maple syrup and watching these five landmark moments and movies in Canadian cinema history. Visit metronews.ca/abcsofcanadianfilm for more.

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5 reel moments in Canadian film history

Did Canada fund a "porn flick?"

If you paid taxes in the '90s, you helped fund what some people swear is a porn flick.

I'm talking about Bubbles Galore, a 1996 film made with more than $100,000 in government grant money and starring real-life adult actress Nina Hartley. Canadian politicians and right-wing newspaper columnists denounced it as a "lesbo porn flick," "a monstrosity," and "scum."

The filmmaker called it an expression "of the right of women to take control of their image."

So what was it? A clever parody of the adult film industry or a soft-core porn masquerading as satire? Hear what adult film actress Nina Hartley told Metro about Bubbles Galore at metronews.ca/abcsofcanadianfilm.

The little sci-fi movie that could

What do a handful of unknown actors, a single Toronto soundstage and $600,000 get you? How about worldwide fame and undisputed status as a sci-fi cult classic.

At least that's what happened with Cube, the 1997 sci-fi film about seven strangers who find themselves stuck in a mysterious maze of interconnecting, fiendishly booby-trapped cubic rooms.

One of its more memorable scenes, in which a man is sliced into hundreds of flesh cubes by a fine metal mesh, even has the dubious honour of being homaged (some might say ripped off) in the first Resident Evil film. Watch the scene and judge for yourself on the site.

The first Canadian horror movie

From Black Christmas to Resident Evil, the Great White North has been a prolific producer of some of the best films the genre has to offer. But that's just the tip of the icepick.

The first-ever Canadian horror movie was 1961's The Mask. It was a trippy drive-in film about a man who puts on a grotesque haunted mask and is enveloped in an acid-trip netherworld of floating skulls and dancing demons. The possessed dream scenes, shot in 3D, are still pretty damn creepy today.

Get out your 3D glasses and watch The Mask in its entirety, and see our list of the top 10 Canadian horror movies ever made online.

Canuxploitation

Nifty word, isn't it? Back in the 1970s, the government created something called the 100 per cent Capital Cost Allowance (CCA), suddenly making it financially attractive to produce films here. These so-called tax-shelter years produced some of the weirdest, bloodiest and most influential Canadian films ever made. Black Christmas (pictured), My Bloody Valentine, and David Cronenberg's The Brood are just a few of the more popular Canuxploitation flicks to emerge from the tax shelter.

Discovering Xavier Dolan

If you don't know the name already, you probably will soon. Xavier Dolan is Canada's hottest cultural commodity since the Trailer Park Boys. At just 25 years old, the young Montreal director is quickly becoming the new golden boy of Canadian cinema, and he's only made five movies.

With a recent Jury Prize win at Cannes, Dolan is poised to break out of the festival scene and start making international box office hits.

Get to know this up-and-coming Canadian superstar before he makes his first blockbuster on the site, where we explore his first-ever feature-length film, I Killed My Mother.

So you think you're a real Canadian, eh?

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford launches his re-election campaign at the Toronto Congress Centre in Toronto, April 17, 2014. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trivia time! Sure, you may be able to tell Bieber from a beaver, but how up are you on the latest, greatest Canadian news?

1. This cheeky Saskatchewan-based film about an unusual public servant screened at Cannes in May and is already greenlit for a sequel.
A) Constable Badger
B) Wolfcop
C) Five Alarm Vampire

2. Toronto Mayor Rob Ford unwittingly provided a public debut of his Jamaican patois in a video secretly recorded at which restaurant?
A) Steak Queen
B) The King's Carvery
C) The Jester's Jingle

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3. A trio of Quebec prisoners spent a few June days on the lam after a prison escape with help from which vehicle?
A) Laundry truck
B) Helicopter
C) A prison guard's minivan

4. Much of Canada spent the winter cursing this weather phenomenon and its record-smashing cold.
A) The arctic avenue
B) The winterfell trail
C) The polar vortex

5. Which activity at the Vancouver Aquarium drew the scorn of animal activists in November?
A) Yoga With Belugas
B) Water Colours With Otters
C) Selfies With Stingrays

6. A rather rude vandal raised hackles in Windsor after crafting a public park shrub into what shape?
A) A middle finger
B) A penis
C) A crack pipe

7. A Manitoba mom was less than pleased when her kids' school gave them which snack to "balance" their packed lunch?
A) Triscuits
B) Ritz Crackers
C) Goldfish Crackers

8. Which Canadian comedy series will return to Netflix this fall after a long TV absence?
A) The Kids In The Hall
B) The Red Green Show
C) Trailer Park Boys

9. Nudists who dwell on Vancouver's Wreck Beach could barely conceal their anger over plans for what?
A) A new police tent
B) A nearby salmon hatchery
C) A weekend Starbucks kiosk

10. Justin Bieber added an Australian mayor to his enemies list after doing what in his city?
A) Spray painting a wall
B) Boxing a kangaroo
C) Driving on the wrong side of the road

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Answers
Question 1: B
Question 2: A
Question 3: B
Question 4: C
Question 5: A
Question 6: B
Question 7: B
Question 8: C
Question 9: A
Question 10: A

All hail Caesar

Canuck to its core, the first Caesar was invented in 1969 at the Owl's Nest Bar in Calgary, so there is no more fitting drink to raise in honour of Canada Day.

We are mixing up three recipes from Clint Pattemore's new book Caesars: The Essential Guide to Your Favourite Cocktail (Random House) to celebrate the nation's 147th birthday.

Cucumber-infused Caesar

- 4 slices cucumber
- 2 dashes Tabasco sauce
- 3 grinds fresh cracked salt and black pepper
- 1 oz (30 ml) gin
- 4 oz (120 ml) Mott's Clamato Cocktail
- Rim: Fresh cracked salt and black pepper
- Garnish: Cucumber slice; fresh cracked salt and black pepper

In a mixing glass, muddle everything but the gin and Mott's Clamato Cocktail. Add the gin and Mott's Clamato Cocktail, and stir well to mix and spread the flavours around. Rim a highball glass and fill to the top with ice. Strain the mixture into the highball glass, and garnish.

Fireworks Caesar

- 3 dashes hot sauce
- 2 grinds fresh cracked salt and black pepper
- 1/2 jalapeño pepper
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 green onion
- 1 oz (30 ml) blue agave tequila
- 4 oz (120 ml) Mott's Clamato Cocktail
- Rim: Celery salt with cayenne
- Garnish: Spicy prawn on a skewer

In a mixing glass, muddle everything but the tequila and Mott's Clamato Cocktail. Add the tequila and Mott's Clamato Cocktail, and stir well to mix. Rim a highball glass and fill to the top with ice. Strain the mixture into the highball glass, and garnish.

Stampede Caesar

- 1 oz (30 ml) Alberta premium rye whisky
- 4 dashes Worcestershire sauce
- 2 dashes hot sauce
- 3 pinches steak spice
- 3 grinds fresh cracked salt and black pepper
- 1 oz (30 ml) beef stock
- 3 oz (90 ml) Mott's Clamato Cocktail
- Rim: Fresh cracked salt and black pepper with steak spice
- Garnish: Grilled Alberta flank steak on a skewer

Rim a highball glass with citrus and rimmer. Fill the glass to the top with ice. Add the ingredients in the order listed. Stir well to mix the cocktail, and garnish.

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Get your red and white on

Value Village has everything you need for Canada Day celebrations, for less

Looking to show some patriotism this Canada Day?

You don't have to spend a fortune on brand new clothes or home accessories in red and white. Your local Value Village has all the quality used clothing and household items you need to do justice to the birth of our nation — or at least celebrate it in style.

The aisles at Value Village are packed with potential. Every Value Village stocks an ever-changing selection of about 100,000 items on the sales floor, and since 5,000 to 10,000 new items are added to the sale floor each day, there's always something fresh, whether you're looking for a one-time Canada Day outfit (red and white all over, of course), or something to treasure forever.

"At Value Village you can find clothing and accessories from many eras and designers in one place," explains Tony Shumpert, Vice President of recycling operations for Value Village. "Style is all about creativity and individualism, and keeping fashion interesting requires your imagination.

"In a traditional retail environment it's next to impossible to find such a diverse selection. We have so much to offer that it's hard not to find something good," says Shumpert. "It's a great way to discover that unique piece that nobody else has — we have some real gems."

You'll find that uniqueness factor in the housewares section just as much as you will in the clothing aisles.

Impress your friends when they come over for a Canada Day barbecue: make the cake batter in a mint green mixing bowl. Adorn your table with wheat bouquets in a vintage milk bottle. Carve your steaks with antler-handled steak knives. Serve your grilled meal on a fun mix-and-match array of plates.

"You never know what you'll find here," says Shumpert. "There's always something fun and interesting."

Visit valuevillage.com.

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If you aren't using them...

In Canada, green is our way of life — not just because of our vast forests and grasslands, but because of the way individual Canadians have embraced the three Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle.

Be a part of the green movement this Canada Day: shop second-hand and donate your reusable clothes and household items at organizations like Value Village.

On average, each North American throws away more than 68 pounds of clothing and textiles each year. Buck the trend.

Nearly 100 per cent of used clothing is reusable or recyclable, so instead of tossing the items you don't need anymore into the trash, donate them.

Value Village is one of the largest recyclers of used clothing in the world – keeping more than 1.8 million pounds (that's 600 mid-size cars!) of quality goods from landfills each day by selling reusable items in-store and responsibly recycling items unsuitable for resale.

Last year, 329 million tops, 59 million pairs of shoes, 114 million pairs of pants and 28 million coats were repurposed.

Donating your reusable clothing and household items at Value Village is a win-win. Your items will be diverted from a landfill, preserving the environment and helping reduce greenhouse gas in the atmosphere that would result from its decomposition.

IT STARTED WITH PURPLE HEART THRIFT STORE IN 1954

Value Village has its roots as the Purple Heart Thrift Store, which opened its doors in 1954 in an old theatre in San Francisco's Mission District.

Much as the company has grown and evolved, but its values have remained constant.

"For 60 years our purpose has been to do well while doing good at the same time," explains Tony Shumpert, vice president of recycling operations for Value Village.

In that first store, Value Village founder William Ellison partnered with charitable organization the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Within 12 years the company had expanded to stores across California, Oregon and Washington, and in 1971 the company moved its headquarters to Seattle.

In 1980, the company opened its first international store: Value Village on Hastings Street in Vancouver, partnered with the Developmental Disabilities Association.

The company quickly multiplied its Canadian locations, and today there are 125 locations across Canada, with more opening soon.

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Messi vs. Nigeria: Out of this world

World Cup. In final match of group play, global superstar takes his game to next level

Argentina beat Nigeria 3-2 in their last World Cup group match on Wednesday, with Lionel Messi and Ahmed Musa scoring two goals each before Marcos Rojo kneed in the winner.

Argentina won Group F while Nigeria also advanced despite the loss, becoming the first African team in the round of 16 in Brazil.

Messi had his best match of the World Cup so far, scoring twice in the first half to boost his tournament total to four goals, and repeatedly cutting up Nigeria's defence with dazzling runs and clever passes.

"We played against a team that wanted to play," Messi said. "I think we saw a good Argentina. We need to continue on this path."

The Argentina captain needed less than three minutes to finish Nigeria goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama's clean sheet in Brazil, slamming in the rebound after Angel Di Maria's shot bounced off the post. Nigeria replied within a minute as Musa cut in from the left and beat Sergio Romero with a curling shot toward the far post.

Nearing halftime Messi tested Enyeama with a 25-metre free kick that the 'keeper struggled to push to a corner. Having found his aim, Messi was ice cold when Nigeria gave up another free kick just moments later. This time Enyeama was stunned as the ball slipped in just inside the post.

"Messi is one of heck of a player, he's blessed. You can't take it away from him," Nigeria coach Stephen Keshi said. "Messi is from Jupiter, he is different."

Tens of thousands of Argentine fans had travelled to Porto Alegre for the match, taunting Brazilian spectators by singing "Maradona is greater than Pele" at the 44,000-capacity stadium.

The Brazilians booed and held up five fingers to remind the Argentines of how many World Cups they've won. Argentina has two.

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Lionel Messi of Argentina celebrates scoring his team's first goal during its Group F match against Nigeria on Wednesday in Porto Alegre, Brazil. PAUL GILHAM/GETTY IMAGES

Group F

Argentina	Nigeria
3	2

- Tragedy struck in Nigeria before the match, as an explosion rocked a mall in the capital, Abuja, and police said at least 21 people were killed. Go to pages 6 and 7 for more.

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→ Scan this image with your Metro News app to view a gallery of the goings on from Day 14 of the World Cup.

→ See the full instructions on Metro's Voices page.

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NHL

Pens sign Johnston as new head coach

The Pittsburgh Penguins have hired Mike Johnston as the team's new head coach.

Johnston replaces Dan Bylsma, who was fired on June 6.

The 57-year-old Johnston, introduced at a Wednesday news conference, spent the past six years with the Portland Winterhawks of the Western Hockey League. He previously served as an NHL associate head coach with the Los Angeles Kings and Vancouver Canucks.

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Tennis

Djokovic wins wild one at Wimbledon

Top-seeded Novak Djokovic advanced to the third round at Wimbledon with a 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5) win Wednesday over Radek Stepanek in a match that featured only two service breaks.

Djokovic lost in last year's Wimbledon final to Andy Murray.

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Top seed Novak Djokovic returns a ball to Radek Stepanek at Wimbledon on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Padres fall prey to Lincecum's no-no

The Giants' Hector Sanchez approaches the mound after Tim Lincecum threw a no-hitter against the Padres on Wednesday. JASON O. WATSON/GETTY IMAGES

Tim Lincecum's days of dominance may be in the past. That doesn't mean he can't dial up flashes of the Freak he once was — especially against the San Diego Padres.

Lincecum pitched his second no-hitter against the Padres in less than a year, allowing only one runner Wednesday and leading the San Francisco Giants to a 4-0 win.

"I've always been that guy who will kind of go for the strikeout," Lincecum said. "I think my first no-hitter I had 13, so I think I was going for those a little bit more often."

"Today I tried to be a little bit more efficient and take what they were going to give me. They were giving me a lot of groundballs and a lot of pop flies, so I was just going to try to keep attacking the way that I was," he said.

Lincecum shut down the weakest-hitting team in the majors, striking out six and walking one in a 113-pitch outing — 35 fewer than he needed last July 13 against the Padres in his first no-hitter.

He retired the last 23 batters after walking Chase Headley in the second. Though the Padres hit a few balls hard, the Giants didn't need any exceptional plays to preserve Lincecum's gem. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On Wednesday

Giants	Padres
4	0

Bombers' new head coach O'Shea faces old teammates

CFL. Former Argonaut star takes helm of league-worst Blue Bomber team

Mike O'Shea will make his CFL head-coaching debut against a most familiar foe.

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers kick off the 2014 season on Thursday night by hosting the Toronto Argonauts. It will be O'Shea's first official game on the Bombers' sidelines. He'll face a team he played 12 seasons for and spent the last four years with as its special-teams co-ordinator.

"Coach O'Shea is a great player's coach and guys play hard for him," Toronto linebacker Shane Horton said.

"They're going to come out physical, they're going to come out fast, they're going to come out playing great teams."

O'Shea, 43, a native of North Bay, Ont., took over for the fired Tim Burke, who returns Thursday as Toronto's defensive co-ordinator. Winnipeg posted a league-worst 3-15 record last season, its first at Investors Group Field.

Over his 16 CFL seasons, the six-foot-three, 228-pound O'Shea was a no-nonsense, hard-nosed player. He also played four years with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

O'Shea helped the Argos win three CFL titles as a player and was a coach with the Toronto squad that beat Calgary 35-22 in the 100th Grey Cup in November 2012 at Rogers Centre.

O'Shea was the CFL's top rookie in '93 with Hamilton and captured the league's top Canadian award in '99 as an Argo.

He's one of three players in CFL history — and the only Canadian — to register more than 1,000 career tackles and in '07 was voted the middle linebacker on the All-Time Argos team. He played 205 career games with the Double Blue, the second-most in team history behind fellow linebacker Don Moen (222).

Argos receiver/kick-returner Chad Owens fully expects the Bombers to assume the demeanour of their blue-collar head coach.

"Knowing Osh, he'll have those guys ready to play," Owens said. "It was sad to see him go but we're all happy for his opportunity.

"They're going to want to play for him, they're going to want to win for him so we've got to bring our best."

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"Knowing Osh, he'll have those guys ready to play."

Chad Owens, Toronto Argonauts receiver/kick returner
On former Argo Mike O'Shea's new role as head coach of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers

Head coach Mike O'Shea of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers walks along the sidelines in first-half action in a CFL pre-season game against the Toronto Argonauts at the Investors Group Field on June 9 in Winnipeg. MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES

CFL

O'Shea aims to stifle Argo QB

Winnipeg Blue Bombers head coach Mike O'Shea knows exactly what the Toronto Argonauts and quarterback Ricky Ray can do to an opponent.

"They've got a lot of weapons. It just so happens that the ball always travels through Ricky first," he said. "But obviously I'm quite familiar with all the guys they have and what they can do offensively."

But the former Argos special teams co-ordinator still wants to set a pace for the Bombers' season with a win in their CFL season opener Thursday at Investors Group Field.

If the Bombers want to see how rookie starting quarterback Drew Willy performs under pressure, they couldn't ask for a better opponent.

Ray has thrown 3,780 completed passes for 251 touchdowns and three Grey Cups over 11 seasons in the league with Edmonton and Toronto.

Willy has completed just 101 for nine touchdowns and has only four starts in his prior two seasons as a backup in Regina.

The Bombers are staking a lot on Willy as they try to appease fans turned off by recent struggles, while the Argos want to get back to the Grey Cup after stumbling in last year's East final.

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New Ottawa CFL franchise ready to rumble

The Ottawa Redblacks may be considered an expansion franchise, but they have no intention of playing like one.

Under the leadership of general manager Marcel Desjardins and first-time head coach Rick Campbell, the Redblacks believe they are a legitimate competitor in the CFL East Division.

"We, from the very get go didn't want to think of ourselves as an expansion team, we just wanted to play like everyone else is and that's just to play," Campbell said. "We have enough veteran coaches and players to do that.

"We knew we were playing catch up with the other teams as we're not as established with who we are and what we're doing, but we didn't want to use it as an excuse. When it's time to play a game, we're going to play a game."

The Redblacks mark the return of CFL football in the nation's capital for the first time since 2005. In its prime, Ottawa was a successful football market, but poor ownership and a decreasing fan base led the city to lose its franchise, not once but twice.

Now with a refurbished stadium and a committed ownership group, the team is set to resurrect football fever in Ottawa.

The players say they have no intention of letting the expansion label have any impact on their performance.

"We can't use that as an excuse," said offensive lineman Jon Gott. "We're all professionals and we came here to win and that's what we want to do."

While a number of players have experience at this level, it still remains a challenge to come together as a team.

"The funny thing about us is we don't really know for sure what we will be as we don't have any past experience to draw on, so that's part of the fun part for us is finding our identity and what we're going to be about," said Campbell.

"Obviously we're going to try and be good at everything and there's going to be things we're better at than others, but that all remains to be seen."

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The CFL has a new franchise in Ottawa, a new TV deal and labour peace with its players for five years as it prepares to get the 2014 season underway.
GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coach Corey Chamblin and the Roughriders will kick off their title defence on Sunday against the Tiger-Cats. GETTY IMAGES FILE

No excuses for Riders in Grey Cup defence

CFL. Even with key departures, coach Chamblin won't settle for less than the title

Some of the faces are different, but Corey Chamblin's philosophy remains the same.

Saskatchewan embarks on the 2014 CFL season as the defending Grey Cup champions, which in itself comes with added pressure. But the Riders will attempt to win consecutive titles for the first time in their history without some key veterans who were instrumental in last year's championship run.

That's of little concern to Chamblin, the CFL's coach of the year last season, who signed a contract extension with the Riders in the off-season.

"That (absence of veterans) is an excuse," he said. "A lot of teams talk about the Grey Cup but we want to be a championship football team.

"You can't talk about a Grey Cup until you win your first game. It's a process. We don't just want to play against the opponent, we want to make sure that we set a championship standard.

"There's a lot of effort and a lot of things that go into that."

Offensively, the Riders will have to make do without running back Kory Sheets — the MVP of last year's Grey Cup win over Hamilton, now with the NFL's Oakland Raiders — receivers Geroy Simon (retired), Weston Dressler (Kansas City, NFL) and Kierrie Johnson (Ottawa). Also gone are backup quarterback Drew Willy (Winnipeg) and running back Jock Sanders (Calgary).

Sheets was the CFL's second-leading rusher last year with 1,598 yards and capped his season running for a Grey Cup-record 197 yards in Saskatchewan's 45-23 win over Hamilton. But the loss of Dressler is huge as the five-foot-eight, 179-pound dynamo was a 1,000-yard receiver in five of his six seasons with Saskatchewan.

Dressler's departure has created an opportunity for newcomer Ryan Smith, a rookie receiver from North Dakota State who at five-foot-seven and 175 pounds is built in the Dressler mould. But Chamblin said Smith has been intent on establishing his own identity with the Riders.

"I think the biggest thing for him is he knows he will always be compared to Weston Dressler," Chamblin said. "I think he's doing a good job of handling that and not trying to become Weston by finding his own niche to become Ryan."

While Saskatchewan will have few new faces on offence, the man under centre will remain the same. Darian Durant, 31, enters his ninth CFL season and fifth as the starter and the Riders rewarded him this off-season with a contract extension through 2016.

Chamblin said winning a championship has changed Durant for the better.

"He was already doing good things like coming in early but he's taken it upon himself to be more of a leader," Chamblin said. "I could just see him taking that next step to become a great quarterback."

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Week 1 pick

Tiger-Cats at Roughriders (Sunday, 7 p.m.)

A Grey Cup rematch concludes the opening week. Saskatchewan defends its title minus running back Kory Sheets (Oakland, NFL) and receivers Weston Dressler (Kansas City, NFL) and Geroy Simon (retired) but still has veteran quarterback Darian Durant in tow. And the defence still boasts defensive linemen Ricky Foley and John Chick, safety Tyrone Brackenridge and cornerback Dwight Anderson. Veteran Henry Burris led Hamilton to last year's Grey Cup but former Argo Zach Collaros will make his Ticats regular-season debut. Also, former Rider linebacker Craig Butler returns as a Ticat. Saskatchewan is still a solid contender but Hamilton has many vets feeling they've got a score to settle.

Prediction — Hamilton.

Mounties on the case. Curling champ's Olympic ring stolen in Alberta

A member of the Canadian men's curling team that won gold at the Sochi 2014 Olympics has had his champion ring stolen.

Mounties say the ring belonging to Brad Jacobs was stolen from a motel room in Boyle, Alta., on either June 20 or June 21.

Jacobs was taking part in a charity golf tournament in Boyle at the time of the theft.

The ring has a square face that is curved around the edges and has the Olympic rings in the centre.

The face of the ring is inscribed with the words "Olympic Champions 2014" and on the inside engraved with "Brad Jacobs Skip."

Other personal items were also stolen, police said.

"The ring has a great amount of sentimental value to Mr. Jacobs," said RCMP Const. Alex Ayres. "While we continue to investigate the theft, our hope is that the ring be reunited with Mr. Jacobs.

"We are seeking the public's assistance in its recovery."

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Olympic gold-medal winning skip Brad Jacobs GETTY IMAGES

Yanks end slide in Toronto

Yankees left-fielder Brett Gardner makes a sliding catch on a ball hit by the Blue Jays' Dioner Navarro in Toronto on Wednesday. Mark Teixeira hit a two-run homer in leading the Bronx Bombers to a 5-3 win, salvaging the finale of a three-game series. New York (40-37) ended a four-game losing skid and moved 2 1/2 games behind first-place Toronto (44-36) in the American League East. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Released without bail

Solo to meet with U.S. Soccer about her recent arrest

U.S. Soccer Federation president Sunil Gulati said the federation plans to speak with Hope Solo and her representatives by Thursday afternoon regarding the goalkeeper's weekend domestic violence arrest in the Seattle suburbs.

Gulati spoke in Recife, Brazil, on Wednesday ahead of the Americans' World Cup Group G finale Thursday against Germany with a berth in the knockout round at stake.

Solo entered a not-guilty plea during a court appearance Monday and was released without bail. She was arrested Saturday at her sister's home in Kirkland, Wash.

"I think it would be inappropriate for me to say anything else until some of these processes play out," Gulati said.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Don't stand back and watch life pass you by. Aries is a cardinal sign, meaning you have more drive than most, so there can be no excuses for not getting out into the world and making things happen. Go for it!

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The world is a wonderful place and what happens over the next 48 hours will remind you how much is possible if you have a positive outlook on life.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You will get what you deserve today and tomorrow. If you have worked hard you will gain in ways that delight you, but if you have stayed in your comfort zone rewards will be limited.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
In a matter of days you will be doing things you hardly dared dream of just a short time ago. So much is possible for you now. All it needs is for you to be confident and be ready to act fast when the time is right.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If there are any ill feelings between you and a loved one, you must sort it out over the next 24 hours. Yes, they can at times be a pain. But bearing grudges is always self-defeating.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will get the proverbial offer you cannot refuse today but if you are smart that is exactly what you will do. The planets indicate that there will be better offers coming your way before the end of the week — and lots of them.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Tomorrow's new moon will bring with it an opportunity to move up in the world, but it won't come for free. Is it a trade worth making? The fact is you cannot afford not to.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Some people complain that they never get the breaks but you know that's rarely true. What you get out of life has to be earned and over the next three days you'll find the more you give the more you get.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Use your energy wisely today because if you waste it on trivial things you could pay for it tomorrow. Don't listen to what others say is important, listen only to your inner voice.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Take what happens today as a challenge rather than a setback. Everything that occurs in your life has a meaning behind it and a lesson to be learned. Fate is rarely unkind.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you make a mistake today just admit it and move on. Life is a succession of tests and the powers that guide your life do not expect you to pass every one of them, at least not first time. You'll do better tomorrow.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The approaching new moon falls in the most dynamic area of your chart, so don't hesitate to take advantage of what happens over the next few days. Remember to use your energy wisely. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
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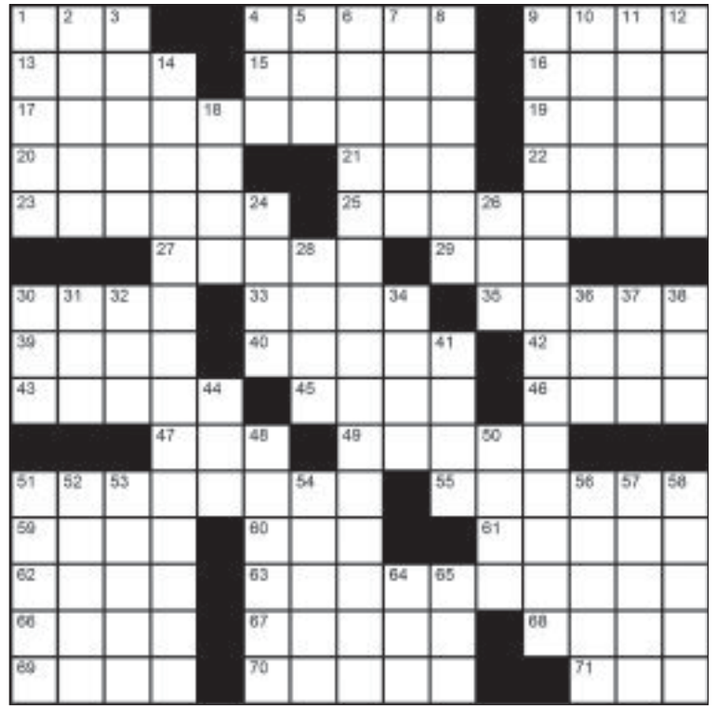
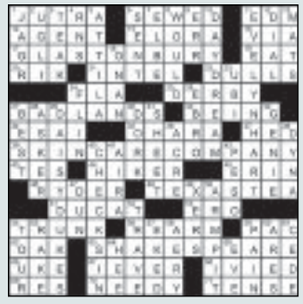


Across
1. Goldie, to Kate
4. "Why __ _ __ longer getting a signal?" (Satellite TV user's query)
9. Quick
13. Sarah McLachlan hit
15. Mil. mission type
16. Sailor's call!
17. Newfoundland folk tune: "The __ Soiree"
19. Hawk
20. Ils opposites
21. Vitality
22. Possess
23. "Dynasty" diva
25. Band for Canadian rocker Tom Cochrane: 2 wds.
27. Fennel-like flavour
29. Bolivia's leader Mr. Morales
30. Mountain lake
33. "Paperback Writer" bit: "Based on a novel by a man named __..."
35. Classic 'Degrassi' nicknamed character
39. Cargo platform
40. Madagascar animal
42. Cancel
43. Small role
45. Nero's 602
46. Australian band
47. Cloth
49. Empire of Mexico
51. Fans of Captain James T. Kirk's show
55. Real
59. Large, for one
60. Li'l sandwich
61. Western hit song for Canadian actor Lorne Greene
62. Canadian actress Ms. Matchett
63. Aria, for one: 2 wds.
66. Coup d'__
67. Canadian __ Company
68. Beach's blanket?
69. Dart
70. Avian abodes
71. Lefts opp.

Down
1. "__ _ wish!"
2. "Entertainment Tonight" host Nancy
3. Thousand: French
4. Evita's li'l land
5. Sea: French
6. "...and __ __ __ in the air..." - Joni Mitchell, "Both Sides Now"
7. "__ __ tells us!" (Finally that guys speaks!)
8. __ kick, as in football
9. __ __: The Pleasures and Perils of Dress in the 19th Century (Current exhibition at Toronto's Bata Shoe Museum)
10. Onward
11. Crack
12. MTM's 'T'
14. Three-time Mayor of Halifax who founded a still-existing-today brewery in 1820: 2 wds.
18. "Beauty __ the eye...": 2 wds.
24. Window part
26. Campers, commonly
28. Grape's inner
30. Cdn. place to buy stuff on TV
31. Alias indicator
32. Flange
34. Pablo __ y Picasso (b.1881 - d.1973)
36. Chicago's third-tallest building, __ Center
37. Cereal brand
38. Mr. Asner's
41. Ms. Moreno
44. Tree type
48. Guitar manufacturer
50. Beige
51. Tut-tutted
52. Lasso
53. Poet Mr. Pound's
54. Secretly wed
56. Open, as a cage
57. Broker
58. UK's House of __
64. Meal morsel
65. 'Street's Disciple' artist

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

4		3		9				6
			3			1		
		5			8		7	
		7					4	
		2	9		1	8		
	6					5		
	8		4			6		
		1			7			
5				2		7		3

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	4	6	7	5	8	3	9	1
8	3	5	1	4	9	7	2	6
1	7	9	2	3	6	4	8	5
4	1	2	6	9	7	5	3	8
6	5	8	3	2	1	9	7	4
3	9	7	4	8	5	6	1	2
7	6	4	9	1	2	8	5	3
9	8	1	5	6	3	2	4	7
5	2	3	8	7	4	1	6	9

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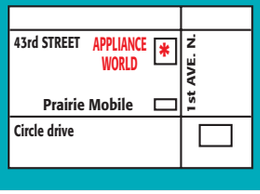

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